For Immediate Release

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

HEPATITIS B SHOTS REQUIRED FOR SEVENTH GRADE SCHOOL ENTRY

Beginning this year, New York State Public Health Law requires that all children entering the seventh grade be vaccinated against Hepatitis B, a serious liver disease, or they will be excluded from entering school in the fall. The series of three shots is administered over a 6-month period, making it important for parents to contact their family doctor now.

Concerned that many parents may still be unaware of this new requirement, Monroe County health officials have scheduled a series of school-based clinics and evening clinics to assure that children get this required series of shots. The school-based clinics will only immunize students enrolled at that school.

To maintain continuity of health care, public health officials promote having children immunized by their own pediatrician. If that is not possible, shots are available at:

Monroe County Health Department - 111 Westfall Road

- Every Wednesday (on-going), Noon 7:00 p.m.
- First and Third Mondays, April 3 August 21, 2000 3:00 -7:00 p.m.

Rochester City School District -8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., as follows:

- April 5 Douglas Middle School
- April 6 Monroe Middle School
- April 11 Nathaniel Rochester Middle School
- April 25 School of the Arts

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- April 27 Charlotte Middle School
- April 27 Jefferson Middle School
- May 2 Freddie Thomas Learning Center
- May 2 Madison Middle School

A parent or guardian must accompany the child and bring with them the child's immunization records and insurance card.

Residents may call 234-9600 for a recorded message with dates and times.

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